

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A data recording medium for use with a recording/reproducing apparatus, comprising:

a medium identification information unique to the data recording medium recorded thereon;

a plurality of programs recorded on the data recording medium, wherein the medium identification information includes information with which one of the plurality of programs is designated; and

a starting program, recorded on the data recording medium, configured to cause a program of the plurality of programs, designated by the medium identification information, to automatically execute,

wherein, when the medium identification information is detected on the data recording medium by the recording/reproducing apparatus, the designated program is executed.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The data recording medium as set forth in claim 3, wherein the data recording medium is bundled with [[the]] a hardware device.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A program starting method for executing a program recorded on a recording medium, comprising:

obtaining medium identification information;
determining a type that the medium identification information represents;
selectively executing a program corresponding to the type that the medium identification information represents, the execution being actuated by a starting program recorded on the recording medium; and

performing an error process when a hardware identification information does not represent hardware that the medium identification information represents,

wherein the program is selectively executed in response to a recording/reproducing apparatus detecting the medium identification information on the recording medium.

Claims 7-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium according to claim 3, wherein said starting program is further configured to verify the medium identification information and a presence of a hardware device.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium according to claim 3, wherein at least one of the plurality of programs is a user manual.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium according to claim 4, wherein at least one of the plurality of programs is application software for use with the hardware device.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium according to claim 3, wherein the medium identification information includes hardware recognition information.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium according to claim 12, wherein one of the plurality of programs is started based on at least one of a presence or recognition of a hardware device.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium according to claim 6, wherein the medium identification information includes hardware recognition information.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The data recording medium according to claim 13, wherein said selectively starting includes a starting of one of the plurality of programs based on at least one of a presence or recognition of a hardware device.